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NOTICE OF APPEAL

Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the Office Action dated November 15, 2003 finally rejecting claims 28-39.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis Corporation in the amount of \$320 for payment of the appeal fee.

The period for filing a Notice of Appeal has a shortened statutory time set to expire on February 15, 2003. A one-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a).

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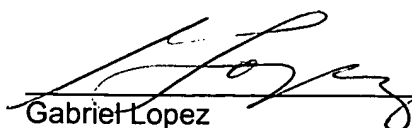
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